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You Be the Judge at 22nd Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival at Arts Barn

Gaithersburg, MD – (August 29, 2019) The Gaithersburg Arts Barn hosts the MANHATTAN SHORT film festival, featuring ten short films that the audience will view and vote on. Screenings take place on Thursday, October 3 and Friday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Arts Barn Pub, featuring beer, wine and snacks, opens one hour prior to screening times. Admission is \$12. Please note that some films may contain mature themes and content. This event is appropriate for ages 13 and older.

In more than 350 cinemas across six continents, 100,000 film lovers will unite to view and vote on the finalists' films in the 22nd Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival. The judges of the finalists' films are **you**. Upon entry to the Arts Barn theatre, you will be handed a Voting Card and an Official Program and asked to vote for the one Film and one Actor you feel should win. Votes are tallied and sent to the MANHATTAN SHORT headquarters in New York City. The overall winner will be announced on Monday, October 7. Learn more about MANHATTAN SHORT at www.manhattanshort.com.

Films include: Nefta Football Club (France), Debris (USA), Driving Lessons (Iran), Tipped (Canada), Sylvia (United Kingdom), The Match (Finland), This Time Away (United Kingdom), Malou (Germany), A Family Affair (United Kingdom), and At The End Of The World (USA).

All films selected will be eligible for an Oscar nomination, and finalists will be part of the MANHATTAN SHORT Oscar Qualifying Run. The Festival consists of about ten short films of all genres, each about 20 minutes or under in length (minus credits).

The Arts Barn is located at 311 Kent Square Road. Tickets will soon be available for purchase online <u>here</u> or call the Arts Barn Box Office at 301-258-6394.

About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Musicals, comedies, dramas, magic shows, and other theatrical performances light up the Arts Barn stage, where every seat has superb visibility. Come see the changing exhibitions by regionally known artists, dabble in the creative arts with Art Night Out workshops, and find unique hand-made gifts in the City Shop. For more information visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov, call 301-258-6394, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at ArtsontheGreen.